

St. Johnsbury Caledonian.

St. Johnsbury, Vt., Friday, Feb. 14, 1873.

25 Friends in this section of the State will add

strength to the interest of the Caledonian by

writing us local items promptly and in a short time.

Agents for the Caledonian.

Barnet, West.	J. D. ADAMS.
Bethel.	J. T. HARRIS.
Bethel.	D. W. CHAMBERS.
Bethel.	C. F. SPENCER.
Bethel, East.	S. B. MORRILL.
Bethel, West.	J. E. WOODWARD.
Concord.	E. H. GEORGE.
Hanover, East.	P. C. HEDGES.
Hanover, East.	W. H. SAWYER.
Londonderry.	L. W. KELLOGG.
Lyndonville.	B. M. MORSE.
Melvin Falls.	F. WOODWARD.
New Haven.	J. M. MARSH.
Northfield.	M. H. GRAY.
Shelburne.	F. HASTINGS.
Sutton.	E. M. CAMPBELL.
Waterville.	John FRY.
Westfield.	W. L. CRASE.

Local and State News.

The friends of Rev. Isaac Hyatt will meet at their hall on Thursday evening, Feb. 20, at 7:30 o'clock, for a donation visit.

"Books and Reading," will be the subject of the lecture at the Church of the Messiah, next Sunday evening. Services commence at 6:30 o'clock.

The Board of Agriculture, Manufacturers, and Mining will hold a meeting at Lanesburg, Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 18th and 19th. The farmers generally, and all others interested, are invited to attend.

By advertisement it will be seen that Hogen & Mudge's Minstrel troupe and brass band are to give two entertainments at the town hall, Feb. 26th and 27th. If numbers will make a good show they might give one, as they advertise 20 performers.

There was not a very large audience at the town hall to hear Miss Gregory read, but those that did attend were well pleased with the entertainment. Although Miss Gregory was afflicted with a cold, most of the selections were well rendered, and brought out hearty applause.

Fraser Brothers, of Lyndonville, have leased the paint shop formerly occupied by Randell & Knapp, near the depot, in this village, and opened a paint-store and shop. They claim to be men of experience in their line of business, and propose to keep what is much needed here, whilst-class shop in all respects.

Messrs. Smith & Gilchrist, of Passumpsic, whose advertisement appears in our paper, have presented us a specimen of their work in the shape of a broom, of their manufacture, which has some novelties about it, and according to our idea, about the best constructed article of the kind we have ever seen. We have no doubt any man could make his wife smile by presenting her with one. Try it.

Last July Mr. Lyford went into the hotel at St. Johnsbury Centre, and announced an entertainment in the following manner: "No Room! No Beer! No Dancing!" The public invited. It appears Mr. Lyford has got heavily over all of these diseases. Dancing is of common occurrence in his house, and a fine of \$300 for selling beer, looks as though he did something in that business. Is it possible for a man to keep a hotel and not sell rum?

A paper was circulated through the railroad shop at Lyndonville, and signed by all the workmen, with one exception, requesting the discontinuance of the sale of all kinds of liquor in that place. The request is to be presented to the dealers and a reasonable time given to close out, and if they do not comply they will be prosecuted to the extent of the law. They evidently mean business up there. Who will circulate such a paper in this village?

We hear of quite a number of people who are planning to erect houses another summer in our vicinity. From the talk upon brick makers it may be inferred that some buildings will be erected of brick quite a number of them, or a few large ones. It will be well to mix in among buildings of wood more brick ones than we now have, as they serve often to check fires. Furthermore, if rightly constructed, they are better than those built of wood, and not much more expensive, considering the saving of paint.

Farmers' Festival.

The farmers of Caledonia county and vicinity will hold a farmers' festival at the Avenue House Hall, St. Johnsbury, Saturday, Feb. 22d. The exercises will consist of addresses, discussions, and song. The railroads will carry for fare one way.

A Would-be Victim.

We learn that a man at Lyndonville who goes by the name of Capt. Wilbur, received a box by express, marked "At. O. D." and a bill of thirty dollars to pay on it. Now it so happened that the Capt. was short of funds and could not pay the little bill so as to get possession of the much coveted box; and also claimed that the parties agreed to send it express paid. The express agent wrote to New York in reference to the matter but could find nothing of the parties from which the Capt. said the box came and so he opened the box and found it to contain, sandusky? It was too bad the Capt. couldn't raise the wind and take the box, so as to have suffered to the full extent for his attempted counterfeit money scheme.

Accidents.

Last Monday morning, Mrs. Gale, mother of J. N. Gale of Portland street, fell on the ice and broke one of her arms at the elbow.

Last Saturday as Mr. Joseph Cooley was crossing the railroad track on Portland street an engine came down on the C. & P. R. R. track and whistled, which frightened Mr. Cooley's horse, and in

try to hold him up Cooley did not observe a loaded car coming on the P. & O. R.R. until it was within about twelve feet of him, and he just on the track of that road. With great effort the horse was turned partly around, so that the car struck its side, and turned him clean round, cutting his side badly, disabling him for a time at least. Mr. Cooley considers it very fortunate that he escaped unharmed, as the car was coming at the rate of 20 miles an hour, with no engine attached to handle it with or give warning of its approach.

Incon.

Cabot.

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Rev. Edward Cleveland, pastor of the Congregational church from 1849 to 1851, is now in town spending a few days with his old people. Mr. C. was a faithful and efficient minister to this people. About fifty persons were added to the church during the five years of his ministry. He marks the growth of the place and thinks he should not have known it had he not known he was coming to Cabot.

The praise meeting held at the Congregational church last Sunday evening was a very pleasant affair. Rev. Mr. Cleveland (mentioned above,) delivered a very interesting and able address, which showed deep study and scholarly attainments.

STATE NEWS.

East Montpelier claims the champion dead beat. His name is Avery Cummings, and he is a stockholder in the Vermont and Canada Railroad, and was sent to attend the annual meeting at St. Albans on the 25th inst. He passed him, and, as he was obliged to stay over night, he slept in an armchair at the hotel. Six cents worth of crackers furnished him with supper and breakfast. *Free Press.*

(Not) so much of a "dead beat" after all. The poor fellow, if he owned and paid for much stock in the Canada railroad, must have been "beat" out of his money by the managers of the road, and lucky for him if he is not also "dead" with the "dead" road. The ride to the stockholders meeting could not have fallen much short of a funeral procession, and it is scarcely short of cruelty to twist him of it. This "champion" is not alone a "dead beat."

The Supreme Court of Addison county was in session one day only. Three cases were argued and the trial adjourned.

The Vermont Copper Mining Company are about putting in a steam drill to facilitate operations in their mines in Lyndon.

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Yesterday (Thursday) at about noon, as the Rev. Robert Southgate, who was visiting at the house of his son-in-law, Mr. Estey & Davis, of this place, was going along the street in front of the Hotel House, he was suddenly struck by a syncope and fell to the ground. He was helped up and assisted to Mr. Dunn's house near the foot of the park, where saying he was able to walk, but could not, he went into the house, sat down on a sofa, and was soon after carried by a member of the family, quite dead. He had been in full, his usual health until the moment of his falling.

Mr. S. was born at Portland, Maine, Jan. 28th, 1848. He graduated Bowdoin College, in the class of 1826, and afterwards passed through a course of study at Andover Theological Seminary and spent a year at Yale. At about the year 1854, he was settled over the Congregational church at this place, and at the time of his decease was pastor of the central church at White River village.

Mr. Southgate's appearance was that of a tall, spare man, of remarkably pleasant address. Of the mind of the man we have not time to speak, and will only say, in the words of one who knew him well, "there can be nothing said too good of him."

Hardwick.

The first of the course of temperance lectures at this place, was held Tuesday evening, Feb. 13th. Rev. Mr. Spencer being sick, Rev. L. O. Brastow gave a highly interesting and instructive lecture, which was listened to with attention. The choral song, some stirring temperance songs which added much to the interest of the meeting. The audience were so well pleased that they voted to hold weekly meetings after the next lecture by Rev. B. M. Tillotson Feb. 25th.

Lyndon.

The social gathering and donation in remembrance and for the benefit of Rev. D. H. Adams, at Lyndon Centre, Tuesday afternoon and evening last, was a pleasant affair. A good number were present to make happy the hour

tated all the hand except the thumb and forefinger. That drunk didn't pay.

Express.

One day last week, a workman named Robertson, employed in Pierce's mill, had both hands caught in some part of the machinery. He pulled them out with a generous appreciation of his interest and efforts. Such interviews are as flowers along life's pathway, to puzzle and perplex, people affording additional joys to heart and life of each.

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Beer Seizure.

Last Friday night our police force made a raid upon the beer sellers of this village, and the result was the seizure of two casks of beer at the depot, marked to A. M. Cook; two and one-half casks of beer and one barrel of cider at Kendall's; and one-half cask of beer at C. S. Hastings'. We understand that since last October Mr. Cook has had 21 casks of beer at this depot: a large quantity, it seems to us, for a man who runs a provision and crockery store. Don't suppose he sells it at his place of business, and can hardly conceive what he should want of such a quantity. Can it be that he sells himself for a carl's paw in a business that he would not carry on under his own roof? It is quite evident that drunkenness has been on the increase in our village for some time past. We hear of men, boys and women being drunk in our streets, and we are glad to see some stir made to stop it. The question comes up, will our citizens stand by and support their officers in putting a stop to it, or will they turn cold shoulder and thus dishearten the officers and encourage the runaways? We trust our officers may be supported, and although a few gulf palaces may shut up, the general prosperity of our community will be improved. It is not an idle talk that the getting of strong drink in this village, is an easy matter; even young boys go to certain places and get whiskey, gin, etc., by the pint or quart. Yes, through such mediums we hear of some old drunkards getting their supplies regularly, or as often as we can raise the funds to pay for it. We believe all good citizens will help stop such proceedings. Justice Johnson ordered the beer destroyed and it was accordingly done.

P. S. It will be seen by the list of fines that parties were prosecuted on whose premises no liquor or beer was found, but who dealt in it to some extent. The times were as follows: S. L. Kendall, two offences, \$20 and costs; W. A. Higgins, two offences, \$20 and costs; W. N. Randall, two offences, \$20 and costs; S. A. Wright, two offences, \$20 and costs; C. S. Hastings, two scenes and offences, \$40 and costs.

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